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SUBJECT: AMEXCO DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW REPORTS  
POSSIBLE INCIDENTS OF OFFICIAL HARRASSMENT

REF: A. STATE 20974 B. MOSCOW 1139

1. JOHN J. MARSCHALKO, DEPUTY REP AND TRAVEL MANAGER FOR AMEXCO IN MOSCOW, REPORTED TO COMATT JANUARY 23 HIS CONCERN OVER THREE INCIDENTS OCCURRING DURING PAST WEEK OR SO WHICH HE PERCEIVED AS POSSIBLE PATTERN OF HARRASSMENT BY SOVIET ORGANS. MARSCHALKO, AN OLD HAND IN USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE, EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS GENERALLY SLOW AND CIRCUMSPECT ABOUT REACTING TO SUCH EVENTS BUT HE FELT CURRENT SERIES OF INCIDENTS MERITED AT LEAST THEIR BEING BROUGHT TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION ON CHANCE THAT THEY MIGHT FIT INTO BROADER PATTERN. EACH INCIDENT IS SUMMARIZED BRIEFLY BELOW AS MARSCHALKO DESCRIBED IT TO US:

(A) JANUARY 18, 1978 (WEDNESDAY): HAVING JUST  
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DEPARTED AN EARLY EVENING RECEPTION IN FINNAIR OFFICES ON PROYEZD KHUDOZHESTVENNOVO TEATRA STREET IN DOWNTOWN MOSCOW, MARSCHALKO SAID HE DROVE TO PARKING AREA IN FRONT OF BOL'SHOY THEATER WHERE HE REGULARLY PARKED HIS CAR WHEN MAKING LATE EVENING CHECK AT AMEXCO OFICES (JUST ACROSS STREET IN METROPOLE HOTEL) ON INCOMING TELEXES FROM U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. TIME WAS ABOUT 2130. AS HE PULLED IN

TO PARKING SPACE, TWO POLICEMENT IN A "G.A.I." CAR  
PULLED IN BEHIND HIM AND DEMANDED TO SEE HIS DOCUMENTS.  
WHEN MARSCHALKO INQUIRED AS TO HIS OFFENSE, HE  
WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS SUSPECTED OF DRIVING WHILE  
DRUNK. MARSCHALKO PROTESTED THAT HE WAS QUITE SOBER,  
BUT HIS PROTESTATIONS WERE WAVED ASIDE WHILE ONE MILITIA-  
MAN TOOK HIS DOCUMENTS TO A THIRD OFFICIAL SITTING IN  
CAR SEVERAL YARDS AWAY. THIS SECOND CAR, MARSCHALKO  
TOLD COMATT, HAD ALREADY BEEN SITTING THERE WHEN HE  
PULLED IN. MARSCHALKO WAS THEN ASKED TO FOLLOW FIRST  
TWO POLICEMEN TO GAI STATION AT 17 PUSHKIN STREET WHERE  
HE WAS HELD FOR 90 MINUTES BEFORE TEING TAKEN TO  
CLINIC ON PROSPEKT MIRA FOR BREATH TESTS. BACK AT  
STATION NO. 17 PUSHKIN STREET, A FORM WAS HANDED TO  
MARSCHALKO TO SIGN WHICH HE DID ONLY AFTER APPENDING  
A NOTE IN ENGLISH TO EFFECT THAT HIS LACK OF RUSSIAN  
LANGUAGE PRECLUDED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT WAS  
HE WAS SIGNING. ABOUT MIDNIGHT HE WAS DISCHARGED, BUT  
HIS CAR WAS HELD BY GAI OVERNIGHT. ON FOLLOWING DAY,  
GAI OFFICIALS RETURNED MARSCHALKO'S DOCUMENTS TO HIM,  
SANS HIS SOVIET DRIVER'S LICENSE. HIS CAR WAS ALSO  
RETURNED AGAINST RECEIPT. ON COMATT'S ADVICE,  
MARSCHALKO HAS WRITTEN STRONG LETTER OF PROTEST  
DATED JANUARY 23 TO A.N. SIMCHENKO, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL  
AT INTOURIST, REQUEST INTOURIST'S INTERCESSION  
WITH POLICE ON HIS BEHALF AND DEMANDING RETURN OF HIS  
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SOVIETS DRIVER'S LICENSE. TO DATE HE HAS HEARD NOTHING  
IN RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER.

(B) JANUARY 21 (SATURDAY): MARSCHALKO  
WENT INTO WORK AT AMEXCO OFFICES AROUND 1430  
AND PARKED HIS CAR ILLEGALLY IN FRONT OF METROPOLE  
HOTEL. HE SAID ALL DOORS TO CAR WERE LOCKED AND  
LIGHTS WERE OFF WHEN HE LEFT IT. AT AROUND 1800  
HE EMERGED FROM HOTEL ONLY TO FIND CAR DOORS  
UNLOCKED, INTERIOR LIGHT BURNING DIMLY AND BATTER  
DEAD.

(C) JANUARY 22 (SUNDAY): DURING EVENING ON HIS WAY  
BACK TO TOWN AFTER SEEING ACUSTOMER OFF AT  
MOSCOW'S SHEREMETYEVO AIRPORT, MARSCHALKO'S  
CAR WAS PULLED OVER BY A MOTORCYCLE POLICEMAN.  
UPON SEEING MARSCHALKO'S SOVIET DRIVER, RATHER  
THAN MARSCHALKO HIMSELF EMERGE FROM CAR, TRAFFIC  
COP CUT SHORT FORMALITIES AND WAVED THEM ON.

2. AS STATED AT OUTSET OF HIS REPORT, MARSCHALKO  
DID NOT RPT NOT WANT TO READ INTO THIS SERIES OF

PERHAPS UNRELATED EVENTS ANY SIGNIFICANCE BEYOND  
FACT THEY HAD HAPPENED TO HIM IN RAPID SUCCESSION.  
IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S HOLDING UP ON APPROVAL FOR  
INTOURIST TO RELOCATE ITS OFFICES IN NEW YORK UNTIL  
AMEXCO HAS HAD A CHANCE TO PRESS SOVIETS FOR BETTER  
OFFICE FACILITIES IN MOSCOW, AND IN LIGHT OF EXPULSIONS  
OF TRADE OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS RASH OF OTHER  
UNTOWARD INCIDENTS INVOLVING BUSINESSMEN IN RECENT  
DAYS (REFTELS), WE REPORT MARSCHALKO'S PROBLEMS  
WITH SOVIETS AS OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST.  
(DEPARTMENT WILL CERTAINLY RECALL PROBLEMS CREATED  
FOR PAN AM EMPLOYEE, ROBERT SIEVERS, LAST YEAR  
BY SOVIET ENTRAPMENT AND SUBSEQUENT DRUNK DRIVING  
CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM.) MARSCHALKO HIMSELF  
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HAS LEFT SOVIET UNION FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS  
OF BUSINESS MEETINGS IN U.S., BUT WE WILL IN  
INTERIM BE IN TOUCH WITH SENIOR AMEXCO REP,  
ANTHONY TEDESCO, TO DETERMINE WHETHER MARSCHALKO'S  
DRIVER'S LICENSE IS RETURNED.

3. REFTEL (A) RECEIVED AS THIS MESSAGE WAS BEING SENT.  
WE WILL HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIONS FORECAST THEREIN  
AFTER MEETING WITH TEDESCO ON JANUARY 27.  
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